

1. (previously presented) A boot comprising an outer layer of leather which is manually or mechanically stretched over an oversized toe box located beneath the outer layer, a layer of compressible cold insulating material which is secured to the inside of the toe box in its uncompressed state, a lining which extends below the compressible cold insulating material a sufficient distance so that the cold insulating material is not compressed between the outer layer of leather and the lining, and an outsole.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 1 wherein the cold insulating material has a thickness of at least .75 inches.

6. (previously presented) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 1 wherein the cold insulating material has a thickness of between .75 and 1.00 inches.

7. (cancelled)

8. (new) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 1 wherein the height of the toe box is at least 1.9 inches.

9. (new) A boot having an oversized toe box as recited in claim 8 wherein the length of the toe box is at least 2 inches.